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SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

Sir:

This is a Supplemental Remarks in the above-identified application. Entry of this Supplemental Remarks, before any Official Action is taken in this case, is respectfully requested.


Applicant uses the phrase "at least one of . . . and" in the claims. In all instances, the phrase "at least one of . . . and" means "only one item from the list, or any combination of items in the list". Applicant respectfully submits that the phrase having the form "at least one of A and B", where each of A and B is either a term or a phrase, the phrase "at least one of A and B" means "only A, only B, or A and B". In instances in which three or more terms and/or phrases are present in an "at least one of . . . and" phrase, Applicant provides the following example definitions: the phrase "at least one of A, B, and C" means "only A, only B, only C, or any combination of A, B, and C"; the phrase "at least one of A, B, C, and D" means "only A, only B, only C, only D, or any combination of A, B, C, and D"; the phrase "at least one of A, B, C, D, and E" means "only A, only B, only C, only D, only E, or any combination of A, B, C, D, and E", and so on.

For example, in independent Claim 47, the phrase "at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web" means "only the Internet, only the World Wide Web, or any combination of the Internet and the World Wide Web".

Applicant respectfully submits that the above definitions do not contain new matter. Support for the above definitions can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at page 46, line 12 to page 47, line 21; and page 44, line 22 to page 46, line 7.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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